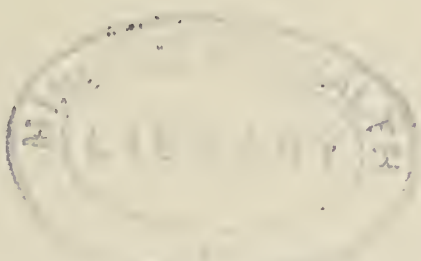


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TOTNES RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL


"Rushbrook"
Totnes.

20th July, 1955

I have the pleasure to submit my Annual Report for 1954 on the health of the Totnes Rural District.

The live birth rate was 14.0 per 1,000 estimated resident population as compared with 12.5 in 1953, the rate for England and Wales being 15.2

The infant mortality rate was 5.2 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 22.8 in 1953, the figure for England and Wales being 26.

The death rate of legitimate infants per 1,000 live births was 5.6 .

The crude death rate for the year was 16.1 per 1,000 estimated resident population, the figure for 1953 being 16.3 and that for England and Wales 11.3

The comparability factor for Births was 1.16 giving a corrected birth rate of 16.24.

The comparability factor for Deaths was .75 giving a corrected death rate of 12.1.

The difference between 16.1 crude death rate and 12.1 corrected death rate is accounted for by the large population at Moorhaven Hospital of people not normally resident in the area.

General Statistics.

Area (Acres)	80,987
Population - Census 1921	11,918
- Census 1931	12,362
- Census 1951	13,923
Registrar General's estimated resident population mid year ..	13,630
Number of inhabited houses (1931) ..	3,348
Rateable Value	£86,124
Sum represented by a penny rate .	£338-2-6d



The population is chiefly agricultural, and there is no occupation which has any particular influence on health. There is very little unemployment in the area.

Vital Statistics

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>Live Births</u>			
Legitimate	99	81	180
Illegitimate	4	7	11
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	103	88	191
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Still Births

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	1	0	1
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	2	0	2
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Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	14.0
Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected)	16.25
Birth Rate per 1,000 (England and Wales)	.. ... ..	15.2
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	. ... ..	16.1
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (corrected)	. ... ..	12.1
Death rate per 1,000 (England and Wales)	... ...	11.3
Deaths from diseases & accidents of pregnancy & childbirth	. ... ..	NIL
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age:-		
All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	5.2
All infants etc. (England & Wales)	... ..	26
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	... ..	5.6
Deaths from cancer (all ages)	... ..	32
Deaths from measles (all ages)	... ..	NIL
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	.. ... ..	NIL



Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

	Total	Admitted to hospital	Died
Scarlet Fever	3	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis	4	4	-
Whooping Cough	19	-	-
Measles	-	-	-

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

AGE PERIOD	New Cases				Deaths			
	RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY		RESPIRATORY		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
5	1	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
10	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
15	1	2	0	0	-	-	-	1
20	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
25	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
35	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
45	1	1	0	0	1	-	-	-
55	0	1	0	0	-	-	-	-
65 & over	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	7	0	0	2	0	0	1

CAUSES OF DEATH											M	F
1.	Tuberculosis - respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	0
2.	Tuberculosis - other	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
3.	Syphilitic diseases	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
10.	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	2
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
14.	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	10
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	13
18.	Coronary disease, Angina	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	7
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
20.	Other Heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	34
21.	Other Circulatory disease	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	9
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
28.	Nephrosis & Nephritis	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0
31.	Congenital Malformations	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
32.	Other defined & ill-defined diseases	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	11
33.	Motor Vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
34.	All other accidents	1	3
35.	Suicide	3	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	0	0

All causes.

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WATER SUPPLY

The South Devon Water Board has continued to do good work in the district during the year and schemes are being prepared to supply several more villages and hamlets with a pure moorland supply.

ASHPRINGTON

The supply in the village from a small local well is insufficient in quantity and sometimes of doubtful purity. A drip feed chlorinator is now working continuously. At Tuckenhay, the supply from the paper mills to about thirty houses is not satisfactory and provision by the Water Board is desirable.

BERLY POMEROY

This village is served by a private supply owned by the Duke of Somerset. Works to prevent pollution have been done.

BUCKFASTLEIGH WEST

The villages of Coombe, Scoriton and Michelcombe are still supplied from Lakemoor and Michelcombe. The supply is adequate as regards both quality and quantity.

CHURSTON FIFTERS

The Paignton Urban District Council is the water authority for this parish.

CORNWORTHY

It will be a great advantage to the village when the moorland supply is available. Pumping is necessary at present to boost the original supply.

DARTINGTON

The village is supplied in bulk from the Dartington Hall Estate supply and continues to be satisfactory; although there seems to be need for more efficient flushing of mains.

DEAN PRIOR

Bulk supply from Lord Churston, satisfactory.

DIPTFORD

The moorland supply was made available during the year.

DITTISHAM


Fairly satisfactory - will eventually be connected to a moorland supply together with Cornworthy, Tuckenhay and Ashprington.

HALWELL

This village is connected to the trunk main.

HARBERTON

The ram supply continued, pollution occurs during periods of heavy rain but the supply is chlorinated in the ram house.



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HARBERTONFORD

Same supply as Harberton.

HOLHE

Supplied from a leat on the moor. Some houses are supplied direct off the Paignton trunk main which passes through part of the parish.

KINGSWEAR

Supplied from numerous small springs piped to reservoirs on different levels. Very troublesome supply to maintain and chlorination is continuous.

LITTLEHAMPSTON

Small private supply, some houses have wells. No main water available.

MARLDON

Supplied in bulk from Paignton Urban District Council.

MORLIGH

Connected to the South Devon Water Board's trunk main.

NORTH HULSH

A small local supply feeds the village.
Avonwick has a moorland supply.

RATTERY

Moorland supply from Marley Head.

SOUTH BRENT

A moorland supply. There are occasional complaints about discolouration.

STAVERTON

Memory Cross is supplied with Paignton main water from Broadhempston. The village south of Coombe Farm is supplied from two local springs owned by the Church Commissioners, supplemented by the Paignton supply.

STOKE GABRIEL

Supplied from Paignton mains. Plans are in hand for a larger reservoir and a ring main.

UGBOROUGH

Ugborough, Bittaford, Filham and Wrangaton have a moorland supply.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

CHURSTON FERRERS

The old village now has sewers and the houses W.C.'s. The sewage from the village is pumped to the Paignton tunnel sewer. The Broadsands Estate is sewered by gravity to the Paignton sewer. The old village of Galmpton has sewers and a sewage disposal plant. Some newly developed areas are drained to an individual septic tank for each house.

MARLDON

This comprehensive scheme for Marldon and Compton was also completed during 1953. Most of the pail closets have now been connected to W.C.'s.

ASHPRINGTON

The scheme for this village has now been approved by the Ministry but permission to advertise for tenders has to be sought towards the end of 1955.

HALWELL

Scheme being prepared.

DIPTFORD

Scheme being prepared.

STAVERTON

Arrangements being made to improve the outfall.

MORLEIGH

Several private crude outfalls discharge in a water meadow causing a public nuisance during dry weather. A scheme to drain 6 new Council Houses was put in recently and eventually it is hoped that this sewage system will be enlarged to drain most of the village.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SECTION 47

Facilities are available at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes for the reception of persons in need of care and attention. Two persons were dealt with during the year.

FOOD

Meat

During the year, two slaughterhouses in Ugborough parish were licensed (one being at Moorhaven Hospital) also one at Galmpton and two at South Brent and one at Dartington. Nearly all of the animals slaughtered have been inspected and the proportion of unfit meat has been surprisingly small.

I have protested against the licensing of slaughter houses under the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulation 1954. Three slaughter houses do not comply with Part 11 Section 9.

Milk

All the milk sold in the area is now Sterilized, Pastourised or Tuberculin Tested.

Housing

2 & 3 Castle Barton Cottages, Marldon which were in a pre-war Clearance Order have been demolished; also another house at Marldon and one at Churston.

In the case of two unfit cottages at Dittisham, an understanding to convert them into one has been accepted. There has been an increase in the Improvement Grant applications during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Stacy G. 11/11/11

Medical Officer of Health.

